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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
RICHARD REISMAN	: Examiner: Q.N. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/576,927	: Group Art Unit: 2141
Filed: May 23, 2000	:)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UTILIZING USER FEEDBACK TO IMPROVE SIGNIFIER MAPPING) :) November 24, 2004
Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450	

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This paper provides the substance of the interview conducted between Examiner Quang N. Nguyen, and Applicant's representatives Bruce G. Bernstein and Douglas Sharrott, on October 28, 2004.

Examiner Nguyen indicated that he had not yet officially received the Amendment filed on August 10, 2004, so a copy of the same was provided to him. Claims 1 and 62 were discussed with respect to U.S. Patent 6,092,100 (Berstis). Applicant's representatives explained how the claimed invention works and how it differs from Berstis. In particular, Applicant's representatives explained that Berstis does not disclose the use of feedback information based on prior outputs, but merely discloses the use of a history of

prior URL inputs. Applicant's representatives also explained that Berstis fails to teach or suggest a resource identity signifier that does not include a URL or portion thereof.

The Examiner indicated that he would fully consider all of the claims in view of the remarks made at the interview. However, because the Examiner had not received the Amendment, no agreement could be reached with respect to the claims.

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